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Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Australia and India have signed an agreement in IT Sector recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the areas where the cooperation is likely to be between the two countries; and

(d) the total quantum of software estimated to be exported to Australia by Indian exporters during the current financial year and upto 2003?

Answer

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN)

(a),(b) and (c): Yes, Sir. With a view to promote bilateral cooperation as well as bilateral trade, in the area of Information Technology and related sectors, an MOU has been signed on 18th October, 2000. The areas of common interest are:

- Software and multimedia content development

- Advanced communication technologies;

- Electronic commerce and information industries security; and Internet applications

(d): Total software export to Australia during the year 1999-2000 is estimated to be Rs.88 crores. During the current financial year, it is estimated that the export to Australia is likely to register a growth of approximately 40%.